

The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Program

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The lines attached to the viaduct have a total combined length of about eight miles.

Moving Forward: Electrical Lines Relocation

In 2007, WSDOT will start construction on the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Regardless of what happens with the central waterfront, we can move forward to remove or repair about half of the viaduct in the south and north ends where there is agreement. By getting started now, we will improve driver safety on SR 99 and ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent responsibly.

What will be done?

This work will relocate electrical lines that are currently attached to the lower deck of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. The viaduct was built in the 1950's, and as the city has grown, so has the web of utility lines that weave around and under the viaduct.

- In Phase 1, WSDOT and Seattle City Light will relocate electrical lines attached to the viaduct to underground locations east of the viaduct between South Massachusetts and South King streets.

- In Phase 2, we will relocate some of the remaining lines from South King Street to Union Street and others from South King Street to serve electrical vaults on South Washington Street and Yesler Way.
- At this time, we are evaluating alternatives for relocating these lines and we are still very early in the planning process.

Fact sheets are available on other projects, including:

- South End: South Holgate Street to South King Street Viaduct Replacement Project
- North End: Lenora Street to Denny Way Safety Improvements Project
- Transportation and Capital Improvements
- Column Safety Repairs



Phase 1 alignment from South Massachusetts Street to South King Street.



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Why are we pursuing this project?

The electrical lines need to be removed because downtown Seattle's power supply would likely be interrupted if the viaduct is damaged during an earthquake. Phase 1 work also needs to be done before construction on the south end of the viaduct can begin.

What is the end result?

With these electrical lines relocated, construction in the south end can proceed as scheduled.

What will construction be like?

When we relocate the electrical lines in Phase 1, there will be periodic closures of streets and some of the privately operated parking lots adjacent to the

viaduct from approximately South Massachusetts Street to Railroad Way South. WSDOT and the City are working with the freight community, Pioneer Square and SODO to determine how to best sequence Phase 1 construction activities to minimize impacts on the surrounding residents and businesses.

What are the next steps?

We will need to relocate additional electrical lines before the central waterfront portion of the viaduct is removed in 2012. This work is still in the early planning stages.

Phase 1 construction:

Spring 2008-Spring 2009



In Phase 1, electrical lines will be moved to underground locations east of the viaduct between South Massachusetts and South King streets.



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